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## RECONVERSION AND POSTWAR PROGRESS CALL FOR NEW METHODS AND NEW EQUIPMENT



Where the Electrolyte is prepared for the Centrifuge machines. Supervisor George Beverly is checking a control meter.

### Technical Lessons Learned in War Big Influence on Design and Manufacture of Peacetime Products

Not only at the Sprague Electric Company, but throughout the industrial world, the technical discoveries made during the war are reshaping manufacturing programs, as well as methods and products themselves.

Many types of motors, electronic tubes, capacitors, and resistors, for example, can now be made smaller and at the same time more efficient. This in turn influences the size and design of the radios, and other equipment and machinery which use these components. The same trend is true in almost every field of manufacture.

And so, of course, new production methods and new equipment is likewise required to make these new and better components,—and the radios, refrigerators, X-Ray machines, broadcasting apparatus, automobiles and fluorescent lights (to mention only a half dozen) into which they go.

In this issue of the LOG we show three photographs taken at the Beaver Street Plant, Centrifuge Department. They illustrate the extent to which new equipment must be installed to keep up with the Parade of Progress. In many other departments changes have also been made, and

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### Inventions In Electrical and Electronic Fields on the Increase

Certainly that learned gentleman, who in 1886 smugly declared that there could be but very few inventions in the future as practically everything had been invented would be overwhelmed at the number of devices which have been invented since. In the electrical and electronic field alone we list a few of the many, many inventions: 1887—Frank J. Sprague (father of Mr. R. C. Sprague and Mr. J. K. Sprague)—pioneer in railway electrification and the development of industrial motors—equipped the first modern trolley railway in the U.S. at Richmond, Va.—Principle of the electric eye or phototube was discovered—theory of alternating current induction motor was

worked out—wireless induction system of communication between railway stations and moving trains was patented—carbon arc welding process patented.

1888—First electric freight locomotive built—new forms of dynamos, transformers, induction coils, incandescent lamps, condensers invented—first induction meter for measuring alternating current.

1889—first successful electrically-operated passenger elevators installed in New York City—first electrical engineering course established at Columbia University.

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### What We Do After Five O'Clock

Just how do Sprague people put in their spare time between hours at the Plants? We wonder—other than the obvious occupations of mowing lawns, pumping up flat tires and waiting for banks and stores to open. So we approached several persons and boldly said: "What's your hobby, Joe? —What's yours, Bill?" and Boy! were we surprised! Before we had talked with a half-dozen, we were floundering in a deluge of softball and aquariums, model railroads and hiking, dancing, deep-sea fishing, and pressing of wild flowers.

Pete Marucco came rollicking by about then, and we questioned him. Before we were through, we had the low-down on the hobbies of the entire Marucco family.

First off, Pete has two sisters now working at Sprague's: Emma of the Mica Pilot Plant, and Viola of Paper Rolling. (At one time, his mother and another sister, Rita, were also employed at Sprague's). Emma and Viola are enthusiastic swimmers. Emma has taken part in swimming meets in Williamstown, and now is working on her Life Saving tests. Tennis, hiking and archery are among their other

many interests.

As for Pete's own hobbies, he started talking about swimming, dancing and softball; but we short-circuited all that, because we wanted to hear about his chief interest—boxing.

Before Pete entered Service, four years ago, he was in the ring more than he was out of it. "Not for the money" he said, "because amateurs don't get paid much for a bout, but just for the love of the game."

It's really a family affair—brother Joe (an excellent and level-headed fighter and winner of the Virginia Golden Gloves for two consecutive years) was Pete's manager; brother Fiore, the "Pride of the Berkshires" was his leading sparring partner.

Most of Pete's engagements were in the Schenectady area, where under the name of Pete Maroni, he fought some ten or twelve matches. They were good ones to watch, for Pete slugged with typical Marucco tenacity to give the fans a lively exhibition. If he did hit the canvas occasionally, it wasn't for long, for he had a rebound that put him back on his feet like a rubber ball.

Asked if he were ever nervous, he

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### Vacation

*Fishing, swimming, playing ball — Dancing, singing and the movie hall. All these things you somehow do During vacation, for a week or two.*

*A gang of kids is always near, Laughing merrily — and never fear They seldom mean any harm Remember the saying: "Storm before a calm."*

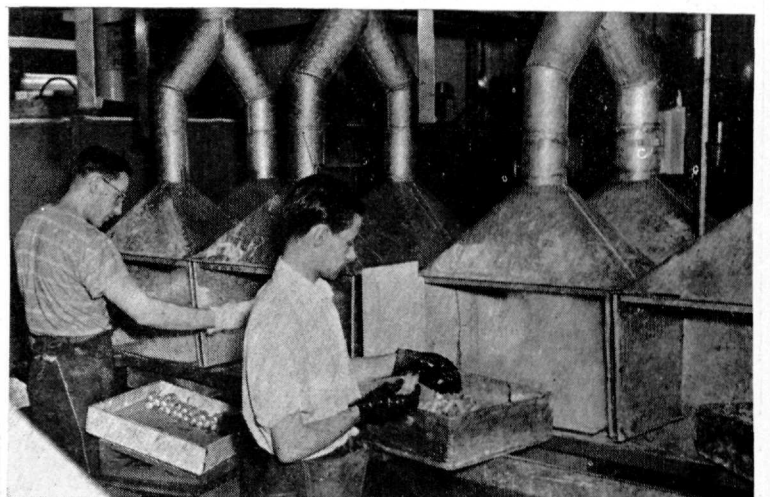
*You take a boat out for a row, The missing oarlock makes it slow. "Oh well," you think "I have all day." Someone else may have a different say*

*To a lumpy bed and sleepless night Add very late hours (you look a sight.) You feast quite well on fish all week, (Any wonder you end up sick!)*

*When Saturday morning rolls around, Everything packed and vacation gone — You'll look about and shake your head — Let's go home folks, and go to BED.*

—Shirley Young

Weather forecasts may soon be infallible! Rockets to the ionosphere will carry instruments to record exact temperatures at all levels above and below the stratosphere. That's all the thermometer boys need to know to tell us if Thursday will be good for picnics.



Ernest Foote and Lionel Champagne intent on burning off tabs in the Centrifuge Department.

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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## Parade of Progress . . . New Equipment

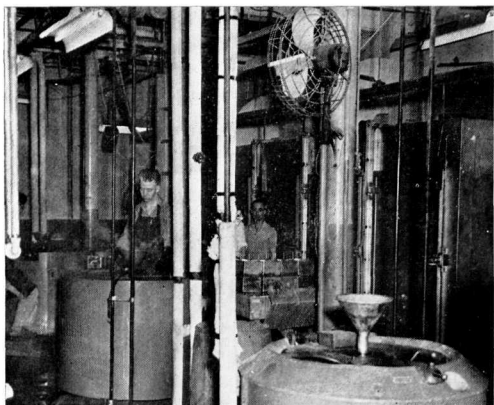
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these advances will continue as the Company goes forward in its program to meet the needs and desires of the postwar generation. From time to time, the LOG hopes to present further interesting developments and give our readers an idea of what the inside of other departments than their own really look like.

## Vacation Time Is A Good Time To Watch Your Step

At the risk of repeating from our last issue, the LOG hopes each of us going on vacation will watch out for everything from poison ivy to reckless drivers, including ourselves. Accidents are more likely to happen when doing something to which we are not daily accustomed,—so have a grand and glorious time, but play it safe. . . . And by the way, one of our friendly exchange magazines, the Tocheimer News, prints the following, which not only rhymes but makes good sense.

"If a hep-cat wants to jive he—fills his shoes with poison ivy! Take it easy getting sunburned—You're not apt to have much fun burned! Never let your son or daughter—Swim in deep, unguarded water! Only careless, thoughtless dummies—Overload cars, boats or tummies! Prevent a costly conflagration—Douse your campfires on vacation! An old doghouse you should crawl in—If you come back, hurt or all in!"



Oliver O'Dell is intent on his work, and George Beverly glances up as our camera man takes a picture of a section of the Centrifuge Department.

## What We Do After Five O'Clock

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said: "Not after I got started, but some times just before the match or in the first few seconds of combat. . . . If I had a new opponent, I would size him up and feel him out. I wanted to get a sample of his punches, and then I knew what to expect. If he hit as hard as my brother, Fiore." (That boy had a lethal right, as Northern Berkshire fans can testify) "I knew I had to play a pretty close game. If those blows seemed a little soft, I could romp through the match and have things pretty much my own way."

We asked Pete just one more question: "Why aren't you fighting so much now?" His answer: "Well, Joe—that's my brother—was too tough a manager. He made me give up most of my dates while I trained—and you know I couldn't do that for long!"

—Laurence Haskins



Mr. and Mrs. William Clifford, married June 13th, with their attendants, Miss Florence Moreau and Mr. Robert Mongeon. Both Mrs. Clifford (the former Rita Mongeon) and Florence Moreau are employed in Block Annex.

Refrigerator raiders need have no more worries about the contents of cans from which the labels have been lost, if wives shop wisely. New aluminum foil labels not only stay sparkling clean and easy to read, but they never loosen or come off because of moisture condensation in the ice box.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Testa, married April 27. The bride is the former "Vickie" Candiloro of the W.E. Department, Marshall St.

## MARRIAGES

Giansanti - Cilli: Miss Mary D. Cilli of Bathtub Assembly, was married to Mr. Americo Giansanti on July 20th at St. Anthony's Church.

DiLego - Harrington: Mrs. Marie Rose Harrington of Bathtub Assembly, was married on July 20th to Mr. Paul DiLego.

## Inventions in Electronic Field Increase

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1890—High-speed helical gear perfected, which made practical, turbine drives for low speed electric generators, pumps, ship propellers. —First company to develop hydroelectric power organized at Niagara Falls.

1891—First electrical equipment for steel mills installed at Bessemer, Pa.—Automobile operated by electric storage batteries introduced—Automatic telephone exchange patented.—Kinetoscope for projection and cameras for motion pictures patented.

1946—Applications for patents have increased fifty percent since the end of war, and now exceed 8,000 a month!



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kateley, married June 22nd. Mr. Kateley is employed in the Marshall Street Laboratory.

## Research and Engineering

By Anne Rowley

The Research and Engineering Staff at Marshall Street bid a reluctant farewell to Dr. I. Croom Beatty who leaves to teach Chem at Purdue. We welcome to our group:

George Holzman, a physicist, who comes to Sprague Electric from John Hopkins University, and three years' in the Navy.

Paula Barrett, a math major at Cornell, and formerly employed by the Research and Engineering Department of United Aircraft.

Bill Lies, ceramic engineer from Ohio State and citizen of Fort Recovery, Ohio (recovered from the Indians).

William Clark of Williamstown, a Chem major at Haverford College.

Verne Bass of "good ole" North Adams itself, also a Chem major at Massachusetts College.

Fran Fitzgerald, who for the summer, has traded her classroom in West Hartford for a desk at Sprague Electric.

## Advice to Honeymooners:

Our brand new bridegroom, Walt Kateley, has the following advice for prospective couples: "Don't forget to take an umbrella,—and a cribbage board is a must." He also found that a small kit of first aid supplies was a convenient thing to have along, especially if one is susceptible to colds, etc. (An R. N. wife is a real asset isn't she, Walt?)

## BIRTHS

Daughter: Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Grillone are the parents of a baby girl born Thursday, July 11th. Mother, Eileen formerly worked in the Dry Rolling Department.

Daughter: A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King, Friday, July 12th. Mother, Ida formerly worked in the Resistor Department.

Daughter: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Decoigne are the parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, July 17th. Mother, Laura formerly worked in the P.A.A. Soldering Department.

Son: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kemp are the parents of a baby boy born Thursday, July 18th. Mother, Estelle formerly worked in the Impregnating Department at the Beaver Street plant. Son: A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Bombardier on Thursday, July 18th. Mother, Joyce formerly worked in the Resistor Department.

Son: Mr. and Mrs. George S. Coody are the parents of a baby boy born Thursday, July 18th. Dad, George is employed in the Impregnating Department at the Brown Street plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davies are the parents of a son, born June 4, 1946. The mother is Margaret, formerly of Check Inspection.

## MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

### Shipping, Cancellation and Carton

Vacations:

Miles Heath has returned from his vacation, at Hedges Lake, Cambridge, N. Y. . . . Mr. Mountford is back to work after spending an enjoyable two week at Asbury Park and New York . . . Emma Mutart is spending a week's vacation at Hampton Beach, Hampton, N. H. Be careful, Emma, don't get burned to a crisp. . . . Mario Magnani is enjoying his favorite sport (fishing) at Lake Champlain, for ten days. . . . Jerry O'Neil spent his vacation at New Haven, Conn. While there he attended the concerts and races.

Rinso white — Rinso white — let Reggie Rowett, take over in the dainty undie department. How about it John Skroupski and Bernie Levesque. "Evening in Paris" is ever so much sweeter.

### "W. E." Department

By Juliette Bourgeois

We welcome to our Department, Josephine Pevoski and Marguerite Doherty. Hope you girls enjoy working with us.

Vacations: Mary Curri and Exilda Callahan at home, and Stella Blasi at Connecticut.

Florence Rayno went to Boston over the Fourth to visit her husband. She had a most interesting experience. Unable to get a room they had to pitch a tent. Florence sure came home complaining? ? ?

Has anyone any old towels they care to donate toward a sweater for John Pitras? If so please leave them at "yours truly's" desk. John just can't stand the air conditioning in our Department.



## Our Safety Corner



## Beaver News

Tubular Assembly  
By Gert Hall

What—wedding bells again!! You're not kiddin' and this time it was for Vera Timothy and John Davine (your reporter's brother). Best of luck to the happy pair.

Our sincere best wishes for a speedy recovery to Henry LaBonte.

A hearty welcome to Marty Flanagan, who recently took over the wire machine.

My, my! what a becoming tan, Kay Marra.

Dot Blanchard recently took a speedy trip to New York to welcome home her brother-in-law from overseas. Stephanie Szurek and Edna Lavariere spent their vacations at home playing "ladies of leisure."

Clara Marceau is counting the days until Ray is home from Boston.

Maude Waska aroused a great deal of curiosity when she was seen being a carriage at an auction.

## Sample Lab

By The "Shadow"

Jetta Dunn has returned from her vacation full of pep. She spent a week at Newburg, N. Y. ... Edward Horsfall enjoyed a two weeks' vacation at Packard Heights, Athol, Mass. (There's no place like it, he says. Wonder if it were really fish he was after.)

Welcome to our Lab, Edward Scully. Hope you like the work and the Gang.

Who is the person who stops Billy Blay on the stairs every day and makes him lose part of his lunch period?

Is "Mac" Filiault popular? Jetta Dunn sent a card to the Gang c-o "Mac". It's okay though, we received it.

Francis O'Brien was a recent visitor. He has been discharged from the Navy. Nice seeing you, "O'Bie".

Lo and behold, who walked in the room the other day?—none other than Frank Gregalis from the Brown Street Sample Lab. Do they still let you run loose? (Only kidding, Frank.)

"Tete" Montagna has been nursing a sore knee. We've told you many times, "Tete", you can't swim in your back yard, you must have water. You may prefer to be all banged up, but I'll take the seashore!

## Dry Test

By Marjorie Hauptfleisch

Best wishes to Elaine Bourdon Fortin recently married to Francis Fortin of Adams.

Esther Vitro and Mildred Clifton enjoyed a two weeks' vacation at Atlantic City.

Pearl Waldon spent her vacation at home resting.

Mary Veinotte spent her two weeks visiting points of local interest.

We are all sorry to hear that Alice Filiault is to leave us. Come back soon, Alice, as we will miss you.

When Helen LaSage tells you she is going to send you a card have a little change ready. There is bound to be postage due.

## Ovens Department

By "Dukie" Abraham

Margaret Pedercini was heard wishing that she were twenty-three again!! Welcome to our newcomers: Jessie Cardinal, Anna Mould, Mary Jane Ponte, Helen Miklas, Hugh Hagden, Francis and Norman Perenick, Larry Roberts, Alberta Ziminski and Leo Colo.

Prize of the week for the best sense of humor goes to Joe Messina and Anna Mould.

There has been plenty of excitement in our Department, according to Irene Shepard.

Louise Bass wants to know why a woodchuck "chucks"—so she could tell Alice White.

Annie Peterson spent her vacation in Springfield.



Florence Southgate with her cousin "Smitty" at the entrance to the "Dude" ranch where they spent their vacation—and did they enjoy it!

## Formation and Centrifuge

By J. Shea

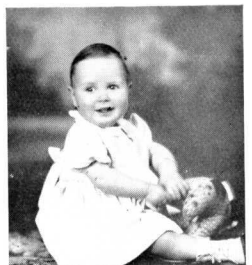
Vacations: George Senecal enjoyed a week at Lake Champlain and a week at home doing some hard labor. Russ Lussier visited the "Big Little City" of New York. Some sky scrapers eh, Russ? Frank Lineberry spent his visiting his family in Indiana.

Who, in ReRolling, was interested in joining the carnival at Briggsville? He was the "Main Attraction." Could it have been Dick Bemis? ... I could be mistaken.

I wonder who, in the Centrifuge Department, walks up Union Street every night to meet his sister.

It sure was a short flatiron that was raffled off in Dry Test. It was so short that it wouldn't heat up without being put on the stove.

(Overheard) ReRoller to Bradley: "What are you going to do on your vacation?" Bradley to ReRoller: "I'm going to hold the ladder while my mother paints the house."



Karen Martell, daughter of Eleanor of Dry Rolling Department.

## Maintenance

By Umbriago

We extend our sympathy to Roy Caron, on the loss of his daughter who recently passed away.

Henry Roy of our Office, recently hit upon a new item—"Fix All"—a very good glue substance. Henry claims it will fix anything—even a broken pocket book. Bill Falcon and Joe Schneider were the first victims, paying a price of 25 cents, now he's giving away samples to all the boys and Bill and Joe are quite burned up about paying for theirs. In the meantime, Henry had an item brought to him to repair, and has had it for two days, and still will not say whether "Fix All" has "fixed" it or not!

Joe Schneider is riding on air—his boy, Joe Jr., has received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy. Hope to see you back with the Gang, soon, Joe Jr.

George Forgea of the Electric Gang and Mildred Forgea of Blue Print Department celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary, July 15th. Best wishes for many more.

Your reporter and wife celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on July 26th.

Welcome back from Vacation Land: Cy Lanco (Tin Shop), Al Horsfall (Electric), Dennis Gingras, Felix Lemieux, Angelo Mastroianni, Forist McLain, Jr., and Herman Schonfelder (Millwrights), Albert Barrier (Carpenter Shop), and Henry Shays, (Tin Shop). All report good weather, a splendid time, and a good vacation.

As this goes to press, Miles Robson, Carl Perry, Frank Connor, Arthur Giroux, Peter Jobin and Louis Damiano were enjoying vacations. We hope they were as fine as ours, Fellows.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Adrian Poirot.

Your reporter has been challenged by Buster Sherman of the Carpenter Shop, saying said reporter wouldn't dare mention in the Log about his vacation or the fish he caught. Well! The vacation was SWELL.—the fishing not so good. I didn't bring back any pictures of the ones I caught nor will I tell tall tales of "that big one that got away." What I caught, we ate, and my boy didn't show me up by catching a larger mess than mine—not even in my own BACK YARD!

Orchids to Wm. Brundige of the Electrical Gang—he received his Journeyman's Electrical license.

## F. P. Drys

By Lil Boyer

The main attraction in this Department at present, is Dick Durkee with his fortune telling.

Ask Mary Marra why she prefers sitting on the church steps to a bench in the park. (woof-woof)

Glad to see Viola Savage back after her recent illness.

Has anybody noticed "Nan Ross" new figure? (hubba, hubba).



William Damiano, thirteen months old son of Louis of Maintenance Department.

The most touching scene in the Department is Emma Massaconi singing a blue song to Bill Davis.

Recent vacationists: "Blondie" Charbonneau, Atlantic City. ... Mary Roberts, Glen Lake, Vt. ... Harold Taft, Boston. ... Mary Marra, Atlantic City. ... Peg Doherty, Bangor, Maine. ... Anna Loomis, Philadelphia, Pa. ... and New Haven, Conn. ... Blanche Cyr, Heartwellville. ... Your reporter, at home.

Marjorie Miller has announced the day she will become Mrs. Bernard LaCrosse—Saturday, August 10th.

## Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

We extend our deepest sympathy to Frank Major in the loss of his mother.

Summer wouldn't be complete for Charlie Desrosier if he didn't have his usual attack of hayfever. Cheer up, Charlie, it can't last forever.

Vacationers: Bertha Dupree, at home. ... Margaret Fitzgerald, at home. ... Catherine Scott, camping in Searsburg. ... Yvonne Day, Hampton Beach. ... Emma Busby, Salisbury Beach. ... Yvonne Perras and Sue Higgins, Hampton Beach. ... Alphonse LaFountain, Holyoke and Springfield, Mass. ... Frances Wells, at home. ... Aldea Caron, Canada.

Patricia Marlowe has returned to the Department after substituting in the office for two weeks. Glad to have you back, "Pat."

"Peg" Viall has returned to work after a recent operation. Glad you have fully recovered and back to work, "Peg".

Mr. and Mrs. William Clifford were recent visitors in our Department. Mrs. Clifford was formerly Rita Mongeon.

## Block Test

By "Mickey" Kozela

Welcome to our Department: Jean McAndrews and George Parker. Hope you enjoy working with us.

Vacationers: Mary Zito, at Saratoga and Schenectady, N. Y. ... Henry Meczywor, fishing at Lake George. ... Florence Lincoln, at home resting. ... Bertha Jennings, in Albany, N. Y.

We were all sorry to hear about Henry LaBonte's accident and hope he will be back soon.

## Main Office Memos

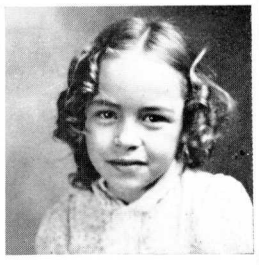
By Whodunnit

Welcome: Shirley Martin and Ralph Horton. We hope you enjoy being with us.

It seems good to see Lil Schwab back again. There was a certain something missing around the office for a few weeks. Could it be that hurrying manner of hers?

Something new has been added! Floor plugs! Patience is indeed a virtue.

Vacations: Duncan McNaughton spent his vacation at Cape Cod. ... Ruth Tavelli spent a week at Hampton Beach. ... Marge Dippold enjoyed the sun at one of the New Jersey beaches.



Joan Braman, charming little sister of Anna, of the Boxing Department.

## A. C. Line

By Vi Short

We are happy to announce the winner of the flatiron from this Department—Betty Bogus.

We're glad that Elaine Bourdon had a lovely day for her wedding—and best wishes.

Vacations: Frank Fortini vacationed at camp with a few of the other boys. ... Esther Vitro and Mildred Clifton spent their vacations at Atlantic City, as did Julius Lincoln. ... Other vacationers were Bill Mahoney and Ralph Wood, who reported a fine time.

John Fortini has been visiting in Rome, N. Y.

## Boxing

By Sophie Wilk

"Cacic" Martinelli had the distinction of talking to a movie star recently—John Dall who appeared at the Stockbridge Playhouse. She claims he's very handsome and so nice!

Did you know Frank Santelli is the manager of the American Legion team from Williamstown? They have an exceptionally good ball team, having lost but one game up to July 17th. Our Frankie also is a crooner.

Frank Bernardo is never happier than when fishing—so we'll give you one guess as to what he did while vacationing. We're glad to have him return, as we missed his singing.

Vacations: Ann Marianni at Lake Champlain and Niagara Falls. ... Florence McCauley at the Mohawk Trail, spreading mustard and relish on hot-dogs at the "Havasnak" stand. In spite of helping her daughter at the stand, "Flossie" looks well rested. ... Sophie Bryda spent her vacation at home, while Stafford Lewis spent his at Moorhead Lake, Maine and Lake Champlain.

Welcome to our charming midst: Helen Bushiga, James Teeple, John Mancini, Gerald Lavigne, Kenneth Downs, Silvio LaMarre, Bill LaCrosse, William Richard, Leo Robinson and Richard DiLorenzo.

## Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Vacations: Our foreman, Earl Scarbo and his family, are spending two weeks at Lake Lauderdale, N. Y. ... Lillian Gainer went to Albany for her vacation and enjoyed a visit to the Education Building. ... Jessie Meczywor spent a week at Lake George and returned with a terrific sunburn. ... Dot Daniels took a trip to Brockton and Nantasket Beach. ... While Josephine Dziurga, Laura Cross, "Dot" Lavigne, Mildred Bathaway and "Jell" Barry spent their vacations taking it easy at home.

## Novel Gift

One of the most novel wedding gifts ever to be received was a nightgown presented Rose Harrington by Ann Sondrini. To start with, the material is unusual—it looks like it is made from chicken feed bags—in fact, it says so across the front of the gown. The "imported" lace with which Ann promised to trim it, turns out to be old lace curtains.



Richard Bullett, ready for a "Sports career" like his daddy, Bernard, of Production Control. His mother is Lorraine, of Block Test.

SPORTS

Bullett and Russell

SOFTBALL NOTES

Ray Bergeron, a shortfielder by trade, made two impressive trips to the hill in the Corner Cafe's last two games of the first half. In his first outing, he beat Sox's Tavern 4-3, allowing only one earned run, and then threw a 3 hit whitewash job against Sprague's... Sox Tavern has decided not to enter the second half pennant race. Several Sox stars will compete with other teams, however. "Tweedle" Zanatti will be with Sprague's while "Topsy" O'Neill, "Bucky" Bernardi, Bob Bohl, and Bill Barry all have hooked on with the Corner Cafe... Hunter Machine Shop gave an indication of a strong entry in the second half by walloping McAndrews 11-1 in the final 1st half game... "Toots" Bergeron celebrated his return to the Corner's lineup by poling a home run against the "Y"... When Sprague's beat McKinley the second time in the first half, they did it the hard way — with 9 men instead of the usual 10... Al Giusti, League secretary, has taken over the managerial reign of the Sprague team, succeeding Dom Espisito who resigned... Congrats to "Nelly" Roy of Sprague's and "Chuck" Kline of the Corner — they recently became benedicts.

Bernie Bullett

WINNERS OF TWO TROPHIES



The Machine Shop, winners of the Bowling Trophies for two consecutive years, proudly display their awards: Eddie Dion, Ernie Charbonneau, Captain George Scarbo, John Tolmie, Eddie Bozek, Lou Morocco and Nick Richardello.

YOUNGER EVERY YEAR



These precocious graduates! -- they seem to be younger every year. This is Kenneth Lussier, brother of Francis, of Boxing Department.

late than never,"...recently they arrived at a wedding reception after the bridal couple had left on their honeymoon!

Ralph Kleiner has become night supervisor and the girls who worked near him on the day shift have settled down to peace and quiet.

Dicky Turner has left us to return to the Mica Department. He was given a farewell party during a morning rest period. By the time he got to the end of the wrappings and found his gift he was the center of attraction. Fun eh, Dicky?

Inspect and Test

By Elsie Leja

Wonder what "Midge" Moran was looking at when she fell off the fence in the yard. Any bruises, "Midge"? Viola Guilino, Bernadette Ford and Bessie Paradis enjoyed their vacations this month.

Congratulations to Margaret Sacco, who recently celebrated her birthday.

That was a beautiful sunburn you received, Flossie Grew.

Here and There in the Sports World

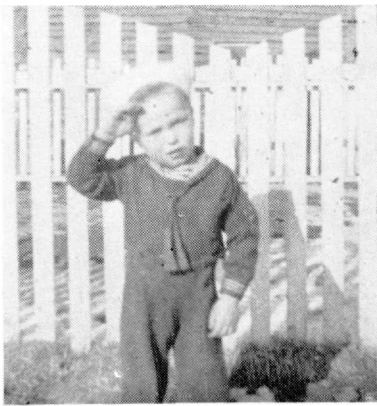
Local Baseball -- The American Legion League in Northern Berkshire has about wound up the season and Pittsfield once more has won sectional honors. Lee was second with North Adams third.

The second half of the Northern Berkshire Twilight League is underway and at this writing, the Crusaders and Greylock are undefeated. All clubs are strengthened for the second half and as a result, some fine games are being contested.

Boxing -- The manly art of self-defense is once more a familiar scene in the square circle at North Adams. On July 18th, some 2300 fans of fisticuffs packed the grandstand, bleachers and ringside seats of Noel Field to witness the ensuing battles. We are sorry to say that the card presented was far from a good one, and if the management wishes to have the patronage which was given on that opening night, they will have to do better in the future. An important note to remember is this: the fans in, and around, the Berkshires are willing to pay good money, but they want their money's worth!... Good luck to the new management which has given us something else in the way of sports.

—Ken Russell

BROTHERS



Sprague Noses Out McAndrews In Opening Contest of Second Half of Softball League

The second half of the Northern Berkshire Softball League got under way July 24th, with four well contested games. The Sprague Electric team nosed out McAndrews Insurance Co. 5 to 4 winning the game in the top of the 7th inning. Paul Fitzpatrick first up beat out a bunt and was sacrificed to second, from where he scored as Paul Magnifico larruped a hard single to right field. Benoit was the winning pitcher, while Cebula hurled for McAndrews.

First Half Standing

No. Berkshire Softball League Final			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
McKinley Square	13	3	.812
Sprague Electric	12	4	.750
Corner Cafe	12	4	.750
Kostkas	10	6	.625
McAndrews	9	7	.563
Sox Tavern	8	8	.500
Hunters	5	11	.313
Strong Hewat	4	12	.250
Y.M.C.A.	0	16	.000

McKinley Square Cops First Half In Softball Race

The McKinley Square Pharmacy of Adams won the first half pennant race in the Northern Berkshire Softball League backing into the top spot as the Sprague Electric was dropping successive games to the Strong Hewat and Corner Cafe teams. In the final game of the first half Spragues lowered the colors of the first half champs but that only tended to reduce their lead over the Corner Cafe and Spragues to one full game. The Corner and Spragues finished in a tie for a second place and a playoff game will be forthcoming to decide this position at an early date.

The first half champs ably coached by Dudy Sanecki suffered only three reverses in winning their crown. The Sprague team defeated them twice and the Corner once. Stan Sanecki their fireball pitcher was chiefly responsible for the fine showing made by the Pharmacy men as he turned in a number of excellent mound performances. The heavy stick work of Coach Sanecki, Zoltek, Rodowicz and S. Sanecki also was a big help to the Mothertowners.

Baseball Team

The Sprague Electric Baseball team has shown marked improvement in their recent second half games. Manager "Hank" Gamari revealed that Fielding Simmons had been named coach succeeding Ness Roberts. Under Simmon's capable guidance, the Sprague boys have looked good, both at bat and in the field. The Club is hustlin' and it is our thought that they will be pretty tough in the second half.



A Big and Little Sailor. Big sailor is Robert Boucher, Little sailor is Frankie -- the brothers of "Pat" of Dry Rolling.



Attend Prom: Francis Lanoue, Lucille Gordon, daughter of Helen of P.A.A., Mary Morrissey, daughter of Edward of Brown Street Laboratory, and William Gagnon.



Maintenance and Machine Shop

By Little Lulu

Diary of Charlie Dean on Vacation:  
Monday: Will sure hoe those potatoes today on that patch of ground loaned me. Took bus, and arrived there with my hoe and alarm clock. Gee, what a wonderful day, will set the alarm clock and take a nap first... (Later)—Guess I didn't hear the alarm... Oh well, tomorrow's another day, can hoe just as well then.  
Tuesday: Must have got a bad burn yesterday... too sore to hoe today.  
Wednesday: Still recuperating from sunburn.  
Thursday: Will try it again today—but will take it easy... (Guess I did, all right).  
Friday: Went out to the patch for the alarm clock I left there yesterday.  
Saturday: Spent resting.  
Sunday: Spent resting. Next week, will try to hoe spuds after working hours.

We hear that Charlie Wilson, while on vacation, purchased a diving suit to look for Charlie Dean's boat which rests peacefully at the bottom of Barber's Pond.

Tony Woloski enjoyed his vacation last week... George Hall toured the state of Virginia while on vacation... Walt Burr, our "Gentleman Farmer" spent his at his ranch on Heartwellville Mt.

Good luck to Grant Hamilton, in his new venture.

"Wash" Santelli is so-o-o lonesome... his girl friend is away on her vacation.

Art (Bob) Bissailon of Resistors, while visiting friends at Cheshire Lake, got lost in the dense woods of Cheshire Harbor. Had it not been for Henry Bechard of Beaver Plant, who came to his rescue, poor Art wouldn't be back yet!

Welcome, Paul Belanger, to the Warehouse Crew. Hope you like it here.

Bob Lowe spent part of his vacation at Hampton Beach, but finding the weather too cool, went on to Boston. Finding the Boston weather too hot, he came back home... Nothing like good old North Adams, eh Bob?

In this column recently, a co-worker was mentioned as a W.O.W., due to a typographical error. Such an implication was never intended. What your reporter meant, was that said co-worker really was a WOW!

Bernard Champney and Frank Jones had the pleasure of having dinner with ex-mayor LaGuardia in New York recently... did you have spaghetti, boys?

Industrial Oil

By Vincelette and White

Harvey, "Specs", DeGrenier was the guest of honor at a party held recently at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club. A delicious chicken and spaghetti dinner was enjoyed.

Al Giusti was Master of Ceremonies and the speakers of the evening were: John Smith, Lena Nicola, Fran Stanton, Jimmy Valotta, Agnes Houghton, Bill Spencer, Milly Conroy and Lyda White. Group singing and dancing followed the speeches.

The guest of honor was presented with a traveling bag and sum of money. "Specs" was recently transferred to the Beaver Plant.

Along the party line... Larry Dufraine's "uncle" entertained everyone present... Ask Sadie why she is known as "Hep Cat" Champagne... Irene Sweeney—coffee drinker! Never mind, Irene, next time you may get two cups... Ag Houghton's novel idea for a toast on the present food shortage. Very clever and cute, Ag... The place cards caused quite a stir. Especially Olga Campedelli's. Olga's must have got lost and so to make it up to her we dedicate the following verse:

We want to say we're sorry  
We didn't mean to forget;  
But don't you worry, Olga,  
You've got one coming yet.

Your reporter while taking a crack at being M.C. at a stag party in honor of Nelson Roy opened up the festivities by spilling a platter of spaghetti on the guest of honor. Nice going, Lug! Bernie Fitzpatrick enjoyed his vacation along the coast.

Jimmy Copeland is building muscles carrying trays around. What are you training for, Jimmie?

P.A.A. Rolling

By Laura Doran

Anyone who is unable to go to the beach this year need not fret—just pay us a visit at Brown Street. Here you will see girls in midriff dresses, girls in sunback dresses and occasionally a girl in shorts. (And in the department some girls have been seen going bare foot, haven't they, Doris?)

Among the recent vacationists were: Mary Messier and Gina Trenti at Atlantic City... Jennie Hirst at New York City... Gladys Moderski, "Jo" Petravich and Molly Scerbo at home resting... Toni Lavigne at Narragansett Pier, R. I... Teresa Jammallo also at New York City... Ellen McCarthy at West Point, N. Y... Isabelle Lyons at New Rochelle, N. Y... Yvonne St. Pierre at Lake Shaftsbury and Vi Maruco at New York, trousseau shopping.

In our midst is a budding architect who is at present interested only in building bridges... but who may eventually plan the homes of tomorrow.

Mary Matranga and Gena DiLorenzo surely believe in the saying, "Better